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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

PERIOD 260701 - 270700 OCTOBER 1962

I. CUBAN SITUATIONa. 5TH MEB

(1) CG 5TH MEB, BGEN FAIRBOURN, DEPARTED CAMP
PENDLETON 261530Z AND ARRIVED SAN DIEGO 261700Z.

CG 5TH MEB 252240Z (TS)

(2) FIFTH MEB REPORTED TO COMPHIBGROUP 3 FOR
OPERATIONAL CONTROL AS OF 261840Z.

CG FIFTH MEB 261847Z (S)

(3) THREE SHIPS TRANSPORTING FIFTH MEB WERE ESTIMATING
DEPARTURE FROM SAN DIEGO AS OF 262400Z (2000 LOCAL LAST NIGHT)
REMAINDER OF TASK GROUP 53.2 IS ESTIMATING COMPLETION OF LOADING
AND DEPARTURE FOR PANAMA CANAL 272300Z (1900 LOCAL TONIGHT).
UPON TRANSITING THE CANAL AMPHIBS WILL CHOP TO CINCLANT TO
CINCLANTFLT.

STATUS OF LOADING AT 260950Z WAS:

PERSONNEL	72 PERCENT COMPLETED
VEHICLES	66 PERCENT
CLASS I	90 PERCENT

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CLASS II	81 PERCENT
CLASS III	89 PERCENT
CLASS III A	89 PERCENT
CLASS IV	81 PERCENT
CLASS V	48 PERCENT
CLASS V A	34 PERCENT

CINCPACFLT 270122Z (S)

(4) CMC DIRECTED MCSC BARSTOW RETAIN RESUPPLY RESPONSIBILITY OF CLASS II AND IV MATERIAL, WITH SPECIFIC EXCEPTIONS, FOR 5TH MEB. RESUPPLY OF CLASSES I, III AND V WILL BE FROM EAST COAST CLOUD STOCKS.

CMC 270312Z (S)

b. USNAVBASE GTMO

(1) COMNAVBASE GTMO REPORTS CUBAN WORKER FLOW TO BASE REMAINS NORMAL. WATER FLOW ALSO REMAINS NORMAL.

CTG 84.9 261405Z (S)

(2) COMNAVBASE GTMO REPORTS PRELIMINARY PLANS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR POSITIVE CONTROL OF ALL AAW WEAPONS IN AREA.

USS DAHLGREN (DLG) IS BEING FITTED INTO SYSTEM AND WILL BE DESIGNATED STANDBY AAW COMMAND POST SHOULD BASE POWER BE DESTROYED. THE DAHLGREN WILL BE AUGMENTED WITH GTMO NAVAL AND MARINE AAW PERSONNEL FOR LIAISON AND INSTRUCTION AS NECESSARY.

CTG 84.9 252219Z (S)

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(3) "C" BATTERY 3D LAAM BN IS IN PLACE AT GTMO AND
READY TO FIRE

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CINCLANT 261310Z (TS)

C. 11 MEF

(1) PHIBRON 10, CONSISTING OF 1 LPH, 2 AKA, 1 LSD, AND
2 LST, COMPLETED LOADING BLT 3/8 AND 36 HELICOPTERS ABOARD THE
LPH (BOXER) AT 260500Z. SHIPS WERE DIRECTED TO RENDEZVOUS OFF
N. C. COAST AT 261700Z.

CINCLANT 260620Z (TS)

(2) CINCLANT SITREP AS OF 261800Z CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION ON EMBARKED MARINE UNITS:

USS THETIS BAY WITH ELEMENTS OF BLT 1/6 ENROUTE TO
PT. MAPLE OKINAWA WITH COMPHIBRON 12, CO RLT-2 AND ELEMENTS OF
BLT 1/6 ENROUTE TO MAYPORT FOR REPLENISHMENT THENCE TO PT. MAPLE.
CTG 44.8 (COM PHIBGROUP 4) WITH CG 4TH MEB AND BLT 3/2 EMBARKED
ENROUTE PT. MAPLE

BLT 2/6 ABOARD CAMBRIA (CTG 44.3) AND OTHER SHIPS
OPERATING BETWEEN THE PROVINCE CHANNEL AND SAN SALVADOR.

(EAC NOTE: PT. MAPLE IS A RENDEZVOUS POINT OFF FLORIDA
COAST.)

CINCLANT 261823Z (TS)

NFP 270800Z (TS)

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(3) CG FMFLANT REQUESTED NAD CHARLESTON TO DELIVER A SPECIFIED AMOUNT OF CLASS V ITEMS TO USS OKINAWA AT MAYPORT, FLA. EARMARKED FOR FMF MARINES. NAD CHARLESTON ADVISED THEY CAN MEET REQUIRED SCHEDULE AND THERE ARE NO SHORTAGES OF REQUESTED ITEMS.

CG FMFLANT 262039Z (S)
NAD CHARLESTON 262237Z (S)

(4) COMCBLANT HAS DIRECTED MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BN SIX TO BE PREPARED TO EMBARK 250 PERSONNEL ON OR ABOUT 1 NOVEMBER IN SUPPORT OF II MEF OPLAN 316-62.

COMCBLANT 262227Z (S)

(5) CG 2D MAW REQUESTED CMC ASSIGN 12 R4Q PILOTS ASAP.

CMC APPROVED AND PERSONNEL ARE UNDER ORDERS -
(7 FROM MCS AND 5 FROM 3D MAW).

CG 2D MAW 252248Z (U)
PERSONNEL DEPT. STAFF INPUT

d. MISCELLANEOUS

(1) CINCLANT REQUESTED THAT JCS DIRECT COMSTS TO CHARTER AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO CINCLANT FOR LOADING 29 TAK TYPE CARGO COMMERCIAL SHIPS.

JCS ADVISED CINCLANT DECISION IS PENDING ON THIS REQUEST.

CINCLANT 252006Z (TS)
JCS 261856Z (TS)

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(2) JCS ADVISED CINCLANT AND CINCARIB THAT THE QUARANTINE ENFORCEMENT MEASURES OF SHIPPING TO THE CUBAN AREA WILL NOT BE TAKEN IN THE CANAL ZONE. SHIPS MAY BE INSPECTED BUT WILL NOT BE DELAYED. HOWEVER CINCARIB WILL SUBJECT ANY SHIP BEARING PROHIBITED MATERIAL TO CUBA TO AIR SURVEILLANCE UPON ITS DEPARTURE OF THE CANAL ZONE.

JCS 261217Z (S)

(3) CINCLANT ISSUED HIS OP ORDER 16-62 WHICH PROVIDES FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE COVERAGE OF SELECTED CUBAN TARGETS, WHEN ORDERED.

CINCLANT 260246Z (TS)

(4) JCS SITREP 4-62 REPORTED NO NEW MISSILE SITES HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED IN CUBA IN LAST 24 HOUR PERIOD. RAPID CONSTRUCTION ON PRESENT SITES CONTINUES.

JCS 261011Z (TS)

(5) CINCLANT REPORTED DEBRIEFING OF 10 RF 101 PILOTS WHO FLEW RECON MISSION OVER CUBA ON 26 OCTOBER INDICATES THAT 3 SOVIET IL 28 BEAGLE LIGHT JET BOMBERS HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED AND 4 MORE ARE PARTIALLY ASSEMBLED.

OCTOBER 17 PHOTO COVERAGE OF THE SAME AREA SHOWED ONLY ONE BEAGLE HAD BEEN ASSEMBLED.

CINCLANT 270228Z (TS)

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(6) CINCLANT ADVISED JCS THAT HE HAS DIRECTED:

a. AFLANT TO ROTATE TO HOME STATIONS OR OTHER SUITABLE BASES 15 PERCENT OF THE PRESENT NUMBER OF AIR FORCE AND MARINE AIRCRAFT NOW IN SOUTHERN FLORIDA BASES.

b. LANTFLT TO RELOCATE ONE REPLACEMENT FIGHTER SQUADRON FROM KEY WEST.

THESE ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN TO REDUCE THE CONCENTRATION OF AIRCRAFT IN SOUTHERN FLORIDA AND TO REDUCE VULNERABILITY. VMF-122 AIRCRAFT AND CREWS ONLY WILL BE ONE OF THE UNITS AND WILL RETURN TO MCAS BEAUFORT AND ASSUME A 12 HOUR ALERT FOR REDEPLOYMENT. ESTIMATE CLOSURE OF VMF-122 IS 270500Z.

FMFLANT 262345Z (S)
CINCLANT 270250Z (TS)

(7) CINCLANT ADVISED JCS HE INTENDS TO FORM A QUARANTINE FORCE FOR SOUTHERN APPROACHES OF CUBA UNDER COMMAND OF COMSOLANT WITH FORCES AS ASSIGNED OR MADE AVAILABLE BY SOUTH AMERICA NAVIES AND ASSIGNED U. S. NAVAL FORCES.

CINCLANT 252142Z (S)
CINCLANTFLT 252134Z (S)

(8) JCS DIRECTED CINCLANT TO CONCENTRATE ON REFINEMENTS IN PLANNING OF CINCLANT OPLAN 316 AND ON SUCH PREPARATORY MEASURES AS ARE FEASIBLE FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION IF DIRECTED.

CINCLANT OPLAN 314 IS TO BE HELD IN FILE STATUS EXCEPT FOR THOSE PORTIONS THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO CINCLANT OPLAN 316.

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JCS 261624Z (TS)

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(9) CG FMFLANT SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO COMATS:
 "THE MARINES THANK YOU FOR A SUPERB RESPONSE TO THE LIFT
 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS FORCE. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR CONDOLENCES ON
 THE LOSS OF A SPLENDID CREW DURING THE OPERATION LTGEN LUCKEY."

CG FMFLANT 261516Z (U)

(10) CINCLANT DIRECTED CINCLANTFLT, CINCAFLANT,
 AND CINCARLANT TO AVOID USE OF TOP SECRET MESSAGES WHENEVER
 PRACTICABLE. HE STATES THAT BY PROPER APPRAISAL OF SUBJECT MATTER
 AND ELIMINATION OF TOP SECRET SUBJECT MATTER WHICH IS NOT ESSENTIAL
 TO CONVEY THE INTENDED MEANING, THE PRESENT HIGH PERCENTAGE OF
 TOP SECRET MESSAGES CAN BE REDUCED.

CINCLANT 250610Z (C)

e. MOVEMENTS

(1) VMA-223, ONE OF THE WEST COAST SQUADRONS ALERTED
 FOR POSSIBLE MOVEMENT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN
 WILL DEPART MCAS EL TORO FOR USS HANCOCK TO CONDUCT CAR QUALS
 ON 29 OCTOBER.

VMA-223 262330Z (U)

f. G-4 STAFF INPUT

(1) BUDOCKS HAS REQUESTED MARINE CORPS ASSISTANCE
 IN EQUIPPING 1ST CBBN. REVIEW OF ASSETS IS UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE
 WHAT ITEMS CAN BE FURNISHED. ANY MATERIAL TRANSFERRED WILL BE
 ON A REIMBURSABLE OR IN-KIND BASIS. NAVY WILL PAY TRANSPORTATION
 CHARGES.

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(2) 2/22 HAS RECEIVED REQUIRED LVT REPAIR PARTS. NINE (9) OF 10 LVT'S ARE NOW READY TO ROLL. REQUIRED PART FOR THE ONE DEADLINED LVT IS EXPECTED IN QUANTICO TODAY. 27 OCTOBER.

(3) THE 5TH MEB HAS RECEIVED THEIR M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER SPARE PARTS, AND AMMUNITION.

(4) 170 M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHERS FOR 11 MEF ARRIVED ON BOARD FRANCIS MARION FRIDAY EVENING WITH 5000 ROUNDS AMMO.

2. MIDDLE EAST

a. ALUSNA LONDON INFORMED CNO THAT THE 40TH, 45TH, AND 41ST ROYAL MARINE COMMANDOS WILL ALL BE IN THE ADEN AREA (ARABIAN PENINSULA) UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 15 NOVEMBER.

THE 41ST WILL RETURN TO THE UK IN HMS BULWARK. THE 40TH WILL RETURN TO SINGAPORE IN HMS ALBION.

ALUSNA LONDON 261733Z (S)

3. MARINE CORPS

a. LAST SHIPMENT OF M-14 RIFLES DUE OKINAWA FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER, 3RD MARDIV AND 1ST MAW WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH M-14 RIFLES EARLY IN NOVEMBER 1962.

G-4 STAFF INPUT

b. CMC REQUESTED EXPEDITED DELIVERY OF THE FOLLOWING 7.62MM WEAPONS FROM DCSLOG, DEPARTMENT OF ARMY:

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RIFLE M-14	25,000
BAYONET M6, W/SCAB	25,000
MACHINE GUN, M60	775
MOUNT M122 KIT, CONV.	775
BIPOD, M2	7,152

ALTHOUGH NO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT EXISTS AT THIS TIME, MATERIAL IS REQUIRED FOR PREPOSITIONING WITHIN CONUS IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE LOGISTICALLY UNDESIRABLE MIX OF 7.62MM AND CAL 30 WPNS IN EVENT OF MOBILIZATION OF 4TH MARDIV/WING TEAM.

CMC 262058Z (S)

4. MOVEMENTS

a. BLT 3/3, SPECANFOR SEVENTH FLEET ARRIVED SUBIC BAY 23 OCTOBER.

CTG 76.4 251430Z (C)

b. 1ST BN 12TH MARINES, 4TH BN 12 MARINES AND 1ST 8 INCH BTRY EMBARKED ABOARD MAGOFFIN (APA 199) AT FUJI, JAPAN ENROUTE TO OKINAWA.

CG 3D MARDIV 260413Z (C)

5. DEFCONS

a. NO CHANGE.

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CURRENT MARINE CORPS DEPLOYMENTS

11 MEB
Lt Gen LUCKEY

Hq scheduled to embark aboard USS Mt. McKinley at NORFOLK

5th MEB
BGen FAIRBOURN

Loading West Coast (Began 231500Z). 3 ships sailed 262400Z. Remainder due to sail 272300Z. Will chop OPCON CINCLANT upon transiting Canal. Org: Hq 5th MEB, Hq RLT-1, BLT 1/1, BLT 3/1, BLT 1/7, BLT 3/7, HMC-361 and VMO-6. Strength: 8551 O/Enl/NavPers.

2d MARDIV
MGen WIESEMAN

CG scheduled to embark aboard USS Francis Marion

4th MEB
BGen TOMPKINS

Aboard PHIBRON-4, moving to Caribbean assembly area. Org: Hq, 4th MEB, Hq RLT-2, BLT 3/2, BLT 1/6 and BLT 2/6. Strength: 6305 O/Enl/NavPers.

ProvMag-26, HMF-261 (12 Helos) & HMC-264 (12 Helos) aboard LPH (Okinawa). Okinawa enroute to MAYPORT, FLA for replenishment

BLT 3/6

Loading commenced aboard PHIBRON-8 262400Z.

BLT 2/8

Estimated time of completion loading aboard PHIBRON-2 272200Z. 272200Z will move to Caribbean assembly area.

BLT 3/3
BLT-263

Completed loading aboard PHIBRON-10 at 260500Z. Will move to Caribbean assembly area. 45 Helos & 9 OEs aboard BOXER - 25 Helos & 9 OEs for ProvMag-26.

3d LAAM Bn

Unit closed CHERRY POINT 25Oct. "C" Btry closed OTMO - ready for operations.

MAG-21

At KEY WEST, FLA: Org: VMA-242, VMA-324, VMA-513, VMC(AW)-122, and VMCJ-2(-). Under OPCON CINCLANT. VMC(AW)-122 A/C & crews being deployed to MCAS BEAUFORT on 12 hour alert.

VMA-121
VMA-223

(Located EL TORO. Chopped in place to CINCLANTFLA & CG, FMFLANT. Have been alerted for possible move to LANTCOM. VMA-223 begins CARGUAL 29 Oct.

VMA-225

Aboard USS ENTERPRISE located South of OTMO.

BLT 1/2

Aboard PHIBRON-4, Mediterranean Area. Strength: 2416 O/Enl/NavPers.

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Item for CAC prepared by D. T. Owens
1500-1427

C MC inquired as to the strength of BLT 2/22
Strengths are summarized as follows:

UNIT	T/O	ON BOARD	SHORTAGE
Infantry Bn (Hus 1st Ayle Co)	39-902	39-636	266

Arty Btry	9-128	9-121	7
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Dinner Platoon	1-42	1-42	
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Tank Platoon	1-25	1-25	
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Am Trac Platoon	1-22	1-22	
Total Marines	51-1129	51-856	273

Navy	3-53	-	3-53
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107 Marines have been ordered to MCs to
alleviate shortages. The remaining shortage of
166 Marines could be obtained from ITR
if necessary but no such action has been
authorized as of the date.

The requirement of 3-53 Navy personnel
is to be provided by the Navy.

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